

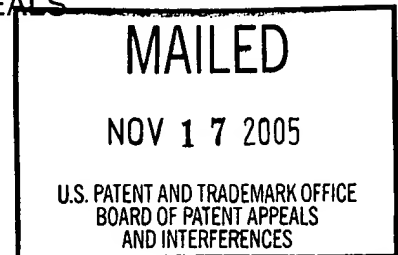
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte GLENN F. SPAULDING

Application No. 09/550,276



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 2, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

A review of the file indicates that on March 17, 2005, appellant filed an Appeal Brief under the rules set forth in 37 CFR § 41.37(c), which states in part:

(ix) Evidence appendix. An appendix containing copies of any evidence submitted pursuant to §§ 1.130, 1.131, 1.132 of this title or of any other evidence entered by the examiner and relied upon by appellant in the appeal, along with a statement setting forth where in the record that evidence was entered in the record by the examiner. Reference to unentered evidence is not permitted in the brief. See § 41.33 for treatment of evidence submitted after appeal. This appendix may also include

copies of the evidence relied upon by the examiner as to grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal.

(x) Related proceedings appendix. An appendix containing copies of decisions rendered by a court or the Board in any proceeding identified pursuant to paragraph (c)(1)(ii) of this section.

A review of the application reveals that the following sections are missing from the Appeal Brief filed March 17, 2005:

- (1) "Evidence appendix," as set forth in 37 CFR § 41.37(c)(1)(ix); and
- (2) "Related proceedings appendix," as set forth in 37 CFR § 41.37(c)(1)(x).

Accordingly, the Appeal Brief filed on March 17, 2005 does not comply with the new rules under 37 CFR § 41.37(c). It is required that a supplemental Appeal Brief be submitted that is in compliance with 37 CFR § 41.37(c). For more information on the Board's new rules, please see the web page entitled "More Information on the Rules of Practice Before the BPAI," Final Rule at:

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/bpai/fr2004/moreinfo.html>

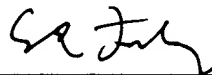
Additionally, the PTO-892 form dated May 6, 2004 lists U.S. Patent Number 5,126,544 to Izumi. However, the Final Rejection dated October 20, 2004, Appeal Brief dated March 17, 2005, and the Examiner's Answer dated June 3, 2005 list U.S. Patent Number 5,126,554 to Izumi. Our records indicate that U.S. Patent Number 5,126,554 issued June 30, 1992 to Ranson for "Imaging Device Using Multiple Area Sensors." Clarification is needed.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to:

- (1) hold the Appeal Brief filed on March 17, 2005 defective;
- (2) to notify appellant to file a supplemental Appeal Brief in compliance with 37 CFR § 41.37;
- (3) for the examiner to consider the supplemental Appeal Brief, vacate the Examiner's Answer mailed June 3, 2005, and issue a revised Examiner's Answer in accordance with the rules effective September 13, 2004;
- (4) have a complete copy of the substitute Appeal Brief and any subsequent Examiner's Answer scanned into the record;
- (5) include the proper listing of the Izumi patent in the Supplemental Examiner's Answer under the "References of Record" section; and
- (6) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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